1	2	3	4
Western	14	2	8.63
Metro	1	-	2.00
KRC	2	-	12.34
Total	220	100	1772.78

(c) Statistics of train accidents and related information are maintained Railway zone-wise and not State-wise.

Telecommunication System in Hilly Areas

1456. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether telecommunication system is paralysed in Hilly areas due to collapse of poles and breaking of cables during heavy rain/storm;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any emergency scheme to combat such situation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir. However, occasional interruptions in over head allignment do occur which are attended to promptly.

(b) and (c) To minimise the interruptions and provide more reliable services following steps are being taken.

(i) Rescue teams are formed for such situations.

(ii) Spare stores kept for emergency situations.

(iii) Wherever feasible the services to be provided through satellite/wireless media/underground cable/optical fibre cable system.

[English]

T.V. Serials

1457. DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the maximum number of episodes allowed to a serial on the Doordarshan;

(b) the names of series which have been allowed more than 300 episodes and the reasons therefor;

(c) revenue earned, through advertisements during the year 1996-97 serial-wise; and

(d) the number of episodes allowed to Mahabharata and Ramayana?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) In respect of a weekly serial the number of episodes allowed normally is a maximum of 156. In respect of daily soaps the maximum number of episodes allowed normally is 520.

(b) The weekly serial 'Junoon' and the cultural magazine 'Surabhi' have been allowed more than 300 episodes. The daily serials like 'Shanti', 'Swabhiman' and 'Bhakti Sagar' are telecast 5 days a week and, therefore, have been allowed more than 300 episodes due to high viewership, TRP Rating and revenue potential.

(c) The details are given in the Statement enclosed.

(d) 93 episodes of Mahabharata and 104 episodes of Ramayana were telecast on DD-1. Mahabharata was also repeated on DD-2.

Statement

The Names of the Serials Telecast on Doordarshan during 1996-97 as well as the Revenue Earned

DD-I

S.No.	Serial	Revenue (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1.	Chandrakanta	165.76
2.	Swabhiman	690.51
3.	Shanti	536.52
4.	Reporter	59.76
5.	Imtihan	59.95
6.	Junoon	561.22
7.	Kanoon	79.74
8.	Ajnabi	249.16
9.	Alif Laila	1049.05
10.	Sind Bad	9.09
11.	Sansar	76.77
12.	Bap Se Bada Rupaih	2.50
13.	Akbar The Great	190.87
14.	Dastan-e-Hatimtai	20.69
15.	Ghutan	131.86
16.	Hamari Duniya	11.50
17.	Jhansi Ki Rani	96.48
18.	Diney Aladin	12.87
19.	Ek Tha Rasty	51.85
20.	Shri Krishna	2794.80
21.	Sansmaran	24.75
22.	Sukh Dukh	6.50
23.	Aparajitha	4.97

1	2	3
24.	Safe Jhooth	5.07
25.	Bhoot Nath	35.30
26.	Badla	118.18
27.	Yug	269.41
28.	Kalamati	98.40
29.	Aakhir Kaun	98.82
30.	Abhayacharan	5.50
31.	Dharam Adharam	48.92
32.	Sab Ka Malik Ek Hai	54.41
33.	Mrityunjaya	54.51
34.	Sipahi Ki Diary	18.14
35.	Tashveer	12.40
36.	Bhavna	12.60
37.	Mewa Lal	43.26
38.	Hina	49.74
39.	Farz	64.91
40.	Manthan	4.40
41.	Daya Sagar	8.60
42.	Aahsas	5.65
43.	Vidhan	7.90
44.	Qatil	1.50
45.	Om Namah Shivay	350.95
46.	Bandhan	3.50
47.	Jung	6.00
48.	Anugoonj	2.00
49.	Brahma	6.00
	DD-2	
1.	Aankhen	12.73
2.	Nik Jhonk	45.32
3.	Shri Krishna	22.98
4.	Aarzoo	34.56
5.	Shriman Shrimati	338.64
6.	Marshal	66.61
7.	Vansh	109.06
8.	Tu Tu Main Main	606.95
9.	Sarab	240.36
10.	Virasat	41.66
11.	Badalte Rishte	4.80
12.	Aladin	8.65
13.	Devta	28.03
14.	Mahabharat	462.25
15.	Patjhad	189.08
16.	Sahil	294.71
17.	Samrajya	87.38
18.	Jaldi Jaldi	4.44
19.	Disney and Mermad	3.05
20.	Super Human	3.35
21.	Rimba's Island	7.67
22.	Denis the Menance	2.79
23.	Sahara	136.14
24.	Parchhaiayan	56.21
25.	Bible Ki Kahaniyan	26.56
26.	Sanch Ko Aanch	63.78
27.	Jai Hanuman	341.79
28.	Raja Aur Ranchoo	209.19
29.	Main Anari Tu Anari	195.50
30.	Sadma	56.16
31.	Janam Janam	10.40
32.	Ek Raja Ek Rani	158.31
33.	Padosan	84.45
34.	Samjhota	122.94
35.	Hindustani	191.98
36.	Sea Hawk	202.30
37.	Jajbat	33.86
38.	Ajnabi	25.17
39.	Paltan	54.20
40.	Jharokha	1.80
41.	Yeh Isq Nahi Aasan	6.20

Maliara Telephone Exchange

1458. SHRI SUNIL KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the telephone exchange of Maliara in district Bankura, West Bengal is not working properly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the persons involved thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) The telephone exchange at Maliara in District Bankura, West Bengal is working satisfactorily. However, the existing exchange which is a 128 port C-DOT exchange is planned to be expanded to 256 lines exchange during 1997-98. This will provide many additional facilities like detailed billing and dynamic STD control.

(d) Does not arise in view of above.